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1. On 22 August 1954, the Associated Press in Berlin reported the abduction by the Soviets of the following East German biologists who were allegedly to be put to work on biological warfare experiments in the Soviet Union:
 - a. Dr. Gerhard Meinl, Botanical Institute
 - b. Guenther Brilla
 - c. Dr. (fnu) Arnold
 - d. Dr. Heino Wossmann, senior instructor at the Zoological Institute
 - e. Dr. (fnu) Blank, Biological Institute
 - f. Elisabeth Krug, Buch Institute
 - g. Linda Neubeck, technical assistant under Hans Stubbe, Institute for Plant Culture, Gatersleben

The above a. through e. are from the University of Rostock.

2. The persons listed above were arrested, according to Source, between 5 and 10 August 1954 and charged with anti-DDR political activities. None of them has bacteriological training or experience and none would be able to do work on biological warfare experiments.
3. As of 29 August 1954, Elisabeth Krug of the Berlin-Buch Institute was in the SSD jail on Magdalenenstrasse, Berlin-Lichtenberg.

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